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WHY THEY ARE THOROUGH.

Non-Catholics frequently express surprise at the large attendance every Sunday at Catholic churches. But Catholics are not surprised, says the Sacred Heart Review. They know that if they do not hear mass on Sunday they are not Catholics at all. The church declares that to absent one's self from mass willfully on Sundays or on holy days of obligation is a mortal sin; and willful and persistent mass-missing makes Catholics outcasts from the house of faith. Careless and indifferent though many Catholics may seem, they would care to incur that penalty. For deep down in the heart of the Catholic is a love and veneration for the holy mass, the great sacrifice first offered by Christ Himself.

The little Catholic child, coming to the use of reason, learns from his catechism, "Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day."—keep it holy by hearing mass, by prayer and other pious acts; and he learns, too, the precept of the church bidding him: "To hear mass on Sundays and holy days," and that to disobey this command is to commit a mortal sin. But even before the catechism was placed in his hands, or its words repeated to him, he knew that "going to mass" was the great duty and privilege each Sunday brought. His very earliest memories are of being taken to mass by father or mother, and of the awe and reverence that filled his heart when told that Christ Himself was present on the altar.

An aged priest in a big American city loved to tell his people about when he was a little child and walked through a path in the woods—his hand held fast in his mother's—to a village chapel miles distant. They started on the journey at dawn, to be in time for mass. "That was the beginning of my training for the priesthood," he said. "My mother taught me that no sacrifice was too great to make if by making it we could hear mass."

Some, particularly among the younger men, may attend because they are obliged to hear mass under pain of mortal sin, but the vast majority are there because they could not stay away. Their souls hunger for what the mass can give—strength, sustenance and the peace of God.

NATHAN.

Why the appointment of Earnest Nathan as representative of Italy at the San Francisco Exposition? This question is being constantly asked, but as yet there has been given only one reasonable answer, and that is this: In Europe there is not a more wily politician than the Premier of Italy. He is regarded as a sphinx, noted for the discrimination which he manifests in being able to discomfit himself of inconvenient people. Now he has no liking that Nathan should contest the municipal elections of Rome next June, and therefore the exposition in the great city of the West comes opportunely. The post means for Nathan a year out of Rome, and this again means seated in the historic Capitol a body of "City Fathers" after the Premier's heart.

PUBLIC POLICY AND VOWS.

A case of particular interest to religious orders in this country has been brought before the Supreme Court of the United States, and its decision promises to have far-reaching consequences among all who bind themselves by a vow of poverty. A United States Circuit Court of Appeals has already ruled such a vow to be against public policy, basing its position, we believe, on the well-known tendency of the civil law to protect the family or relatives in the matter of the transfer by inheritance. The present question, as explained by the Providence Visitor, arises out of the death of Father Wuth, a Benedictine, who at the time of his death in 1901, was in charge of a German Catholic church at Springfield, Minn. He had been a member of the order for about fifty years, and like all others who embrace the religious life, took his vows with the usual understanding concerning the possession of property. His rights were transferred to the order, and in return it became obligated to educate, maintain and support him for life. Father Wuth was the author of several books, and these were earning royalties at the time of his death. Also in his case it was shown that, with the permission of his superiors, he had been al-

lowed to retain in his own name the sum of about a thousand dollars. Shortly after his death the Probate Court of Brown county, Minn., recognized certain relatives as his heirs, and entitled to the property, and later the United States Circuit Court upheld this decision, stating that "the vow of poverty is against public policy and therefore void." The Supreme Court has now the matter under consideration and in whatever way it sees fit to decide the particular case, which has in it features that are exceptions rather than the rule, there is no danger that its ruling will create a situation which will render it impossible for the orders and congregations to continue to exist here in America, a thing which has been predicted in certain quarters by men who do not know.

THE BEST ANSWER.

We are not so much concerned about the wild statements made by anti-Catholic papers and agitators as we are about the more insidious misstatements coming from apparently respectable sources, says the True Voice. The former deceive none except hopelessly ignorant or those who want to be deceived. The latter are accepted readily by those who usually are well informed and whose opinion and good will count for something. It is useless to argue with an ignoramus or a fool. He is insensible to argument. The man who wants to be deceived, or who wants to believe evil of his neighbor, is either hopelessly ignorant or he is vicious. In either case he should be left to himself. But the seeker after truth should be enlightened. His misconceptions are not his fault so much as they are his misfortune. They can be removed by the dispassionate presentation of the truth. It is this sort of non-Catholic who should have our attention, and not the wild-eyed ranters who are seeking trouble rather than information. Some day he may awake to the fact that ordinary people do not pay much attention to his rantings, which usually refute themselves anyway. The best argument against calumny is a blameless life. That will convince where torrents of words will have little or no effect. It is a poor policy to imitate the tactics of irresponsible enemies of the church at this time. Not by angry recriminations, but by conduct of the children is the church defended against the kind of unjust accusations that are the stock in trade of the rabid anti-Catholic agitators. Where questions of doctrine are raised we can reply with the truth. But when some unclean calumniators choose to wallow in the gutter, it is better to leave them there. They are in their element and all decent people are quick to recognize it. They are also comparatively harmless.

METHOD IN MADNESS.

Although Kentucky receives practically no immigrants, all of the Ape societies throughout the State have been petitioning our Senators to vote for the bill, demonstrating that their real opposition to immigration lies in their fear of more additions to fast growing Catholicity.

HENRY'S DOTAGE.

Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier-Journal, still continues to insult Catholicity in his cabaret letters written from Europe, but is excused by many because of the natural tendency to crabbliness in his old age.

PRESS FIGHTERS.

The Ulster Orangemen, led by Sir Edward Carson, in their opposition to home rule for Ireland, are fighting fiercely—in the newspapers.

The leading article in the latest issue of the Aurora gutter journal is a hysterical attack upon "the daily newspapers of the United States, their great news gathering agency, the Associated Press, the weak-kneed Protestant and Masonic press." If these have been made friends of the Catholic cause, the plague has been indeed a blessing in disguise. How does this impress David B. G. Rose, who is endeavoring in every way possible to stir religious strife and hatred in Louisville. Here there has ever existed only good feeling between the Masons and Catholics, which it is hoped will always continue.

President Wilson should not delay recalling Ambassador Page, who has made himself and the Government

ridiculous. The man who said that the United States with 100,000,000 people was "English led and English ruled" does not reflect American opinion. Page evidently has lost his bearings.

The free lecture movement of the Knights of Columbus promises far-reaching results. What other so-called patriotic society ever went into the field so openly and fairly to fight the enemies of God and country? The lecture in Louisville will be delivered by Peter Collins on Sunday, April 19.

How comes it that while Socialism claims not to interfere with any man's religion, almost any representative Socialist publication that one picks up fairly reveals in abuse of churches and rails at the imaginary failings and shortcomings of Christians generally?

Henry Watterson's letters in the Sunday Courier-Journal are such as should exclude that paper from every respectable home.

The spring has come.

PASSION SUNDAY.

Tomorrow will be Passion Sunday, so-called because the church begins on this day to make the sufferings of our Redeemer her chief thought and the leading concern of her sacred liturgy. While we meditate on the sacred passion of our Lord Jesus Christ let us weep over our sins, which are the cause of his sufferings and death. Everything around us urges us to mourn. The images of the saints in church are covered, the very crucifix is veiled from our sight. In the gospel we are told by St. John that the Jews picked up stones to cast at Him and Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple. It is to express this deep humiliation that the church veils the cross. A God hiding himself that He may evade the anger of men—what a mystery! Is it weakness? Is it that He fears death? No—we shall soon see Him going to meet his enemies. But at present He hides Himself from them because all that has been prophesied regarding Him has not yet been fulfilled. Besides, his death is not to be by stoning; He is to die upon a cross, the tree of malediction, which from that time forward is to be the Tree of Life. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, hid themselves because of their guilty conscience; Jesus hides Himself that He may atone for their sin on the tree and reveal Himself on it as the Redeemer of their sin.

WHY DON'T THEY?

At every mission, at every Holy Name parade, at every dedication of a church, at K. C. banquets and receptions, at every public demonstration of Catholics, Catholic men appear in legions. Why don't their names appear on the subscription roll of the Catholic press? If it were not for the women—God bless them—the mothers of families, who love to hear news of the church and who want their children to have the influence of religion, most Catholic papers would fail. The Catholic women support the Catholic press. What is the matter with the men? Do they take no interest in the paper that defends their church, that spreads the faith, that makes converts, and that vindicates their civil rights? They will march in processions, they will join Catholic societies, they will pass resolutions by the yard, but many of them will not spend a few cents a week for a Catholic paper.—Father Lelen.

NATHAN'S RECORD.

That the American Federation of Catholic Societies was fully justified in protesting the appointment of the notorious Nathan as Italy's representative at the Panama Exposition will be conceded by all fair minded persons when his record is known. Nathan was reared in the slums of Whitechapel, speaks English with the lowest Cockney accent, was pitchforked by Masonry from post to post, had to resign the position of Grand Master of Italian Masonry, as well as that of Mayor of Rome, and was repudiated by self-respecting Italians. And when to this is added the insults hurled at the Catholic religion, the Pope and church, on every possible occasion during his seven years' tenure of office in the Capitol, to put it mildly it will not insure him in the States the post of a persona grata.

SUCCESSORS TO OPERATION.

Detective George Donnelly, aged thirty-six and one of the most respected members of the local police department, died Saturday at the Jewish Hospital, following an operation for stomach trouble. Ill but a few days, news of his death came as a great shock to his associates and many friends. The deceased was a son of Capt. Schuyler A. Donnelly, of the United States Secret Service. Born in West Virginia, he had spent the greater part of his life here, receiving his appointment to the police force in 1910. Detective Donnelly is survived by his widow, two children, his father, a brother, William O. Donnelly, and a sister, Mrs. Maud Damon, of St. Louis. The body was removed to the home of his father, just out from Jeffersonville, from where the funeral was held Monday afternoon, members of the police department acting as pallbearers.

COMMENT OF CARDINAL.

Cardinal Gibbons, when seen in Baltimore Sunday evening, commented on the Ulster situation as follows: "To my mind it appears that the Government is to blame for not taking the upper hand and restoring peace. It could do this if it went about it in the right way. There is only a small proportion of the population in Ireland engaged in the present uprising and I can not understand why the Government permits it to dictate what should be done and what should not be done. Of course I pray that there shall be a peaceful settlement."

SOCIETY.

Miss Annie McGill is expected home today, after spending a week in New York.

Frank X. Dawson, the New Haven banker, was a visitor here the first of the week.

Miss Laura Raffo was hostess at a most pleasant meeting of her card club Monday afternoon.

Misses Katherine and Dora Lynch, of West Point, were here last week visiting Mrs. Annie Burke.

Miss Louise Cassilly entertained Tuesday afternoon for Miss Josephine Murphy, of Minneapolis.

Mrs. F. G. Harpring and daughter, Miss Marie, of Douglas boulevard, were in St. Louis visiting friends for the week.

Miss Kate Wathen, who has been spending some time abroad, landed Thursday in New York and may arrive here today.

Mrs. James Patterson came in from Hawesville last week to visit her daughters, Mrs. Tom Lynch and Miss Clara Patterson.

Miss Josephine Murphy, who has been the guest of the Misses Alice and Elizabeth Hayes, has returned to her home in Minneapolis.

Miss Ermine Jacques, of Chicago, has been spending the week in New Albany, the guest of Mrs. Philip A. Dowd, 612 East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meagher and Lee Meagher, and John Gorman, spent last week in Frankfort with Mr. and Mrs. William Gorman.

Miss Mary McCarthy, who has been ill at her home on Oldham street, a victim of the grip, is again able to be out, to the great delight of her many friends.

Mrs. James McDonough, of New Albany, has been confined to her home, 101 Ekin avenue, from injuries sustained by a fall at Silver and Spring streets. Her condition is improving and she will soon be able to be out.

Mrs. James O'Brien, of Portland, Maine, who spent a pleasant visit of several weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank L. Caulkins, 2809 West Chestnut street, has left for Wilson, N. C., to join her husband. During her stay here Mrs. O'Brien made many friends who would welcome her return.

Mrs. Patrick Ralphy and daughter, Miss Eva, returned Monday from a five weeks' trip to New Orleans and Gulfport, Miss., where they had a most enjoyable visit. A pleasant feature was the St. Patrick's day postal card shower, in which they received many kind remembrances from Louisville friends.

Miss Ruby Branch entertained on Monday with a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Jesse Cassaday, formerly Miss Jennie Plummer. The color scheme was white and yellow, the loes and confectations being carried out in these colors, with the table decorated with orange blossoms and small bride dolls as favors. Miss Branch's guests included Mesdames Jesse Plummer Cassaday, James F. Hoye, Charles Graves, and Misses Ruby Schoppenhorst, Luella Redmon, Nell Fitzgibbon, Edna Munch, Hazel Bass and Ann Wunderlich.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Innumerable congratulations are being extended Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fontana, of Virginia, upon the birth of their second child last week. The new baby is a boy, and is especially welcome, since the older child is a girl, and the father and mother were consequently anxious to have a little son in their nursery. The little fellow was named Joseph, after his father. The christening took place last Sunday at Holy Cross church, with Miss Tillie Fontana and William Brucker as the sponsors, followed by a largely attended dinner and celebration at the home of the happy parents.

SPLENDID MEETING.

Division 4, A. O. H., held a rousing meeting in Bertrand Hall last Monday evening, there being an unusually large attendance present. Much interest was manifested in the report of the division social club, which cleared a handsome sum on their St. Patrick's night dance and now have a substantial sum in their treasury, with prospects of adding greatly to it with the receipts of their picture show entertainment, which is to be given at the Crown Theater on April 23. In response to an appeal from Rev. Father Langan, a missionary of Aiken, S. C., the division donated a sum, specifying that masses be offered in return for the deceased members of the division. With the view of taking up a home proposition in the near future President John H. Hennessey appointed William P. McDonough, Thomas Lynch, John J. Barry, Thomas J. Langan and James McTigue to investigate and report at the next meeting.

CALLED TO HEAVEN.

Sister Agatha, aged seventy-six, of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, who for seventeen years had been connected with St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, died at that institution Saturday morning after an illness of about a month. She had been a nun for more than fifty years. For several years she had been in charge of the Ladies' Sewing Circle at the hospital. Following the funeral services her remains were taken to Nazareth for interment.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest

Members Here and Elsewhere.

Next month a council will be instituted at Lincoln, N. H.

St. James' Council was instituted last Monday at Kearney, Neb.

Forty-one were in the class just initiated at Wabash, Minn., when a fine all day programme was carried out.

Last Sunday the members of Bluegrass Council received holy communion in a body in St. Paul's church, Lexington.

Tomorrow there will be big initiatives at Memphis and Texarkana, and at Little Rock the three degrees will be conferred April 19.

Bishop Schrembs will preach the sermons at the annual retreat of the Philadelphia Knights, which opens Monday in Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

A large audience enjoyed a rare treat at Fremont, Neb., when Bishop Thien lectured on St. Patrick under the auspices of Fremont Council. The Bishop's subject was "A Great Apostle of a Great Nation."

The Irish night of De Soto Council, New York City, outlasted all its previous entertainment efforts and provided a night's enjoyment of high class numbers and Irish sentiment that could not be surpassed.

Bishops Wehrle, Fallon and Cotton occupied seats at the speakers' table at the St. Patrick's day banquet in Buffalo. Bishop Cotton delighted the gathering with the recital of one of his own Irish poems.

FOR CHURCH BENEFIT.

Repairs are rapidly progressing on St. Leo's church, Highland Park, which was recently damaged by fire, and an addition is being added at the same time. The El Nemo Club will give a minstrel show for the benefit of the church in the school hall on Sunday and Monday evenings, April 26 and 27.

JOHN J. FLYNN.

John J. Flynn, who was stricken in Mobile, Ala., where he went to participate in the St. Patrick's day celebration, and had to undergo an operation, is now on the road to recovery and his friends expect to see him home soon. His wife has been with him since he submitted to the operation, and the Hibernians and people of Mobile have done everything possible for their comfort and convenience during Mr. Flynn's illness.

SAD NEWS.

Thursday the sad news was received here of the death at Fond du Lac, Wis., of the venerable father of Dr. Thomas M. Mulvey, of this city. The deceased was over ninety years old and a native of Ireland, and was one of the most respected pioneer citizens of Wisconsin. Dr. Mulvey was summoned to his father's bedside last week and was with him when he died.

AIDED FATHER RILEY.

The Rev. Father John T. Hill, pastor of St. Ann's church, went to Shelbyville last Sunday and in the evening assisted the Rev. Father Riley at the Lenten services in the Church of the Annunciation. Father Hill preached an eloquent and forcible sermon, his subject being "Love of God."

DEATH AT TAMPA.

Lexington relatives received a telegram Tuesday night from Tampa, Fla., announcing the death there from heart trouble of W. J. Houlihan, sixty-two, a former well known hardware merchant of the Bluegrass capital. For several years he was also a member of the Lexington General Council and prominent in Democratic politics. Besides his wife, who was Miss Kate Murray, of Lexington, he is survived by six children.

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JESUIT FATHERS.

On August 7 of the present year the members of the Society of Jesus throughout the world will celebrate quietly but with deep feelings of thanksgiving the centenary of the restoration of their order by Pius VII.

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